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INDOCHINA

1. AT CONFIRMATION HEARING BEFORE SFRC WEDNESDAY,  
AMB.-DESIGNATE TO SWEDEN STRAUZ-HUPE ATTRIBUTED  
PAST STOCKHOLM-WASHINGTON ACRIMONY ALMOST ENTIRELY  
TO US ROLE IN VN; SAID END OF US MIL INVOLVEMENT  
SHOULD BE PRELUDE TO IMPROVED US TIES WITH SWEDEN  
(AP, WP).

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2. VIENTIANE SOURCES SAY ABOUT 150 NVA AND PL TROOPS MAKE ATTACKS ALONG HIGHWAY IN SOUTHERN LAOS IN FIRST C-F VIOLATIONS SINCE COALITION FORMED. RLG UNIT REPORTEDLY FORCED FROM POSITION AS FIGHTING CONTINUES. DEF. MINISTER, OF RLG FACTION, PROTESTS ATTACKS AT FIRST COALITION CABINET MEETING, SEEKS TO SEND INSPECTION TEAM TO SITE. ECON MINISTER, WHO IS SENIOR PL REPRESENTATIVE, SAYS WOULD CONSIDER REQUEST (AP NYT, SUN, WP, BALTO N-A 4/10; CHITRIB). LAOS DEF MINISTER CALLS FOR C-F AND WITHDRAWAL BY COMMUNISTS TO PREVIOUS POSITIONS OR RLG TROOPS WILL BE ORDERED TO COUNTER-ATTACK (UPI, PHINQ).

3. VIENTIANE RESIDENTS OBSERVE EARLY CHANGE UNDER COALITION. PL INFO MINISTER "HAD NOT YET SET FOOT IN HIS OFFICE" WHEN CHANGE "BLEW THROUGH" USUALLY CONSERVATIVE LAO NATIONAL RADIO STATION. ON MONDAY STATION CARRIED EXTRACT FROM ROUSING SOUPHANOUVONG SPEECH THAT GAVE DETAILS OF "HUMILIATING DEFEAT" SUFFERED BY GVN FORCES. MOST OBSERVERS SEE THIS AS INDICATION OF WAY THINGS WILL BE AS PL MINISTERS TAKE OVER DEPARTMENTS (AP, SUN).

4. MIL SOURCES SAY GKR TROOPS CLEAR ONE BANK OF KAMPOT'S SHIPPING CANAL, TOWN'S MAIN SUPPLY ROUTE, AFTER FOUR DAYS OF HEAVY FIGHTING (AP BALTO N-A 4/10, SUN). MIL SOURCES SAY USAF C-130S FROM THAILAND STEP-UP RESUPPLY OPERATIONS TO KAMPOT AND TAKEO (UPI, WP). FIELD REPORTERS SAY COMMUNIST TROOPS PUSH FANK FROM TWO POSITIONS ON ISLANDS ABOUT SIX MILES SE OF PP, BRINGING TO 10 GKR POSITIONS NEAR CAPITAL LOST IN PAST WEEK (CHITRIB; UPI, WP). OBSERVERS FEEL REBELS PREPARING TO ATTACK SUBURB OF TAKHMAU, THREE MILES SOUTH OF PP; GKR EXPECTED TO SEND REINFORCEMENTS TO HEAD-OFF TAKHMAU ATTACK (AP, SUN; WP). FIELD REPORTS SAY FANK KILLS 25 REBELS IN ATTACK (AP, SUN; UPI, WP). FIELD REPORTS SAY FANK KILLS 25 REBELS IN ATTACK ON ENEMY BUNKER LINE NEAR KOMPONG TRAM, 21 MILES WEST OF PP (AP, SUN).  
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5. SAIGON MIL COMMAND SAYS SMALL-SCALE FIGHTING IN PAST DAY KILLS 42 COMMUNISTS, 43 GVN TROOPS (UPI, WP).

6. NVN NEWS AGENCY SAYS JANE FONDA WITH INFANT SON AND ACCOMPANYING CAMERAMAN LEAVES HANOI FOR VISIT TO VC AREA OF SVN AT INVITATION OF VC "COMMITTEE

FOR SOLIDARITY WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE" (REUTER HK).

CHINA

7. JOHN BURNS, IN PEKING, REPORTS PEOPLE'S DAILY ISSUED STRONG APPEAL WEDNESDAY FOR UNITY, INCREASED PRODUCTION AND PARTY CONTROL IN CHINA'S CURRENT POLITICAL RECTIFICATION CAMPAIGN. SEES THIS AS POSSIBLY FURTHER INDICATION OF PRC LEADERSHIP'S RESOLVE TO AVOID INTRA-PARTY FEUDING AND ECON DISRUPTION THAT CHARACTERIZED GPCR (WP).

8. REUTER'S SHARP, IN PEKING, REPORTS FOREIGN DELEGATIONS VISITING CENTRAL CHINA SAYING LI TEH-SHENG, NO. 6

MAN IN PRC LEADERSHIP, HAS BEEN OPENLY ATTACKED ON WALL POSTERS THERE. LI IS BY FAR MOST SENIOR FIGURE TO COME UNDER SUCH ATTACK IN PRESENT NATIONWIDE MOVEMENT OF PUBLIC CRITICISM. SOURCES SAY LI BEING ATTACKED AS ALLEGED SWORN FOLLOWER OF LIN PIAO; POSTERS APPEARED IN TWO PARTS OF CENTRAL CHINA AND WERE SIGNED BY UNSPECIFIED WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS. SHARP SAYS IF CHARGES CONFIRMED, THEN IT MARKS "OMINOUS TURN" IN CRITICISM DRIVE, FOR SO FAR, MEMBERS OF HIGHEST ECHELONS OF PRC LEADERSHIP HAVE BEEN FREE FROM PUBLIC CRITICISM. NOTES THAT CHARGES AGAINST LI HAVE NOT APPEARED IN THAT PORTION OF NATIONAL PRC PRESS FOREIGNERS ARE ALLOWED TO SEE.

9. AT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION WEDNESDAY, TENG HSIAO-P'ING DENOUNCED BOTH US AND SOVIET AND PREDICTED THAT SOONER OR LATER THEY EITHER WOULD FIGHT EACH UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER OR THEIR CITIZENS WOULD RISE IN REVOLUTION. TENG STRUCK HARDEST AT SOVIET, TERMING USSR "MERCHANT OF DEATH" SENDING OUTMODED WEAPONS AT HIGH PRICES TO UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN EXCHANGE FOR STRATEGIC RAW MATERIALS AND FARM PRODUCE (WP).

10. JOC LONDON REPORTS ADVANCE PARTY OF BRITISH TRADE MISSION HAS DEPARTED FOR CANTON AND PEKING. GROUP HAS NO SPECIFIC CONTRACTS TO DISCUSS, SIMPLY HOPES TO IMPROVE CLIMATE OF SINO-US TRADE AND CONSIDER MOST FRUITFUL AREAS. PRC SEEMS MOST KEEN ON BUYING GOODS WITH HIGH TECHNOLOGY CONTENT, AND BRITISH INDUSTRY SHOULD RECEIVE SOME GOOD ORDERS. BURNS (CSM) SAYS FEWER THAN 4 WEEKS REMAIN BEFORE DATE ORIGINALLY SET FOR INAUGURATION OF CANADIAN PACIFIC

AIR'S SCHEDULED PRC SERVICE, BUT IT NOW IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT DATE WILL NOT BE KEPT. PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN -- DESCRIBED BY OFFICIALS AT CANADIAN EMBASSY AS "ESSENTIALLY TECHNICAL" AND NOT TOO DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE -- THAT WILL REQUIRE ANOTHER NEGOTIATIONS SESSION IN PEKING. UNDERSTOOD THAT CHINESE HAVE NO PRESENT PLANS FOR PEKING-VANCOUVER SERVICE. APPEARS THEY WILL BEGIN USING NEWLY-ACQUIRED BOEING 707S ON ROUTE TO ROMANIA SOMETIME THIS YEAR, EXTENDING THIS LATER TO PARIS; AFRICA ROUTE MIGHT BE THEIR NEXT PRIORITY, AHEAD OF PACIFIC.

11. WP NOTES DEATH MONDAY IN MARYLAND OF ALICE TONG SZE, WIDOW OF SAO-KE ALFRED SZE, FORMER CHINESE DIPLOMAT TO US (1921-29 AND 1933-37).

JAPAN

12. JAPAN GIRDS FOR WORST STRIKE IN HISTORY. CULLISON (JOC) REPORTS THAT LAST-MINUTE SETTLEMENT EFFORT AMONG GOJ, BUSINESS AND UNIONS ACHIEVES ALMOST NO HEADWAY. FOUR-DAY WALKOUT BEGINS WITH 6.5 MILLION TRADE-UNIONISTS SCHEDULED TO STAY OUT OR PICKET, AND UNION OFFICIALS BELIEVE TOTAL MAY REACH 13 MILLION. OVER 47 MILLION COMMUTERS EXPECTED TO BE STRANDED WHEN PUBLIC TRANSPORT STOPS. SEIDEN (SUN), FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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TOKYO, REPORTS UNIONS WANT TO DRAMATIZE WHAT THEY CAN DO, NOT INCONVENIENCE TOO MANY PEOPLE. TOKEN "STRIKERS" DO JOB BUT WEAR ARMBANDS AND ATTEND RALLIES AFTER WORK. FACTORIES SOMETIMES RESCHEDULE HOLIDAYS, DEPARTMENT STORES MAY CLOSE, COMPANIES PROVIDE CHARTERED TRANSPORTATION OR HOTEL ROOMS, OFFICES RENT MATTRESSES TO CONVERT WORKING SPACE TO DORMITORIES TO COPE WITH STRIKE. SEIDEN SEES CARNIVAL ATMOSPHERE WITH MILLIONS SLEEPING IN OFFICES OR STRANGERS' HOMES WHILE THOSE WHO DON'T WORK HAVE HOLIDAY.

13. DOCK TIEUP NOT FULLY EFFECTIVE AS LONGSHOREMEN, THEORETICALLY ON STRIKE OF INDEFINITE DURATION, ONLY PARTIALLY LEAVE MAJOR PORTS. BUT SHIPS DELAYED AND CARGO PILES UP. UNION TALKS WITH MANAGEMENT EXPECTED TO RESUME SOON, BUT LOCALS INDEPENDENT SO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING DIFFICULT (JOC).

14. JUSTICE DEPT. ANTITRUST DIV. PROBING MOTOROLA SALE OF COLOR TV UNIT TO MATSUSHITA, BUT OFFICIAL SOURCES SAY NO CONCLUSIONS REACHED. SEN. BAYH LAST WEEK SENT LETTERS TO ATTY-GEN'L AND SEN. HARTKE OF

JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST ACTIONS ASKING  
FOR INVESTIGATION SINCE WOULD LESSEN COMPETITION  
AND COULD RESULT IN LOSS OF 5-6000 JOBS (AP WP, SUN).

AUSTRALIA

15. WHITLAM SETS MAY 18 FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS (REUTER  
CANBERRA).

16. GOA REJECTS SOVIET REQUEST TO ESTABLISH JOINT  
SCIENTIFIC SPACE OBSERVATION STATION IN AUSTRALIA  
(AP, NYDN, WP, PHINQ).

17. AP SYDNEY REPORTS NORTHERN TERRITORY MIN. PATTERSON  
AND SEN. CAVANAUGH PREDICTING RACIAL TROUBLES BETWEEN  
COUNTRY'S WHITE MAJORITY AND ABORIGINAL MINORITY.

CAVANAUGH TOLD RECENT MEETING THAT ALP'S IMPLEMENTATION  
OF ITS ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS POLICY "HAS BEEN ONE OF  
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DISASTER," AND THAT SERIOUS WHITE BACKLASH HAS DEVELOPED  
AGAINST ABORIGINAL ADVANCEMENT PROGRAMS. ONLY ABORIGINE  
IN PARLIAMENT BELIEVES RUMORS THAT ABORIGINES ARE  
STOCKPILING GUNS. MINISTRY FOR ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS  
HAS BECOME TARGET FOR CRITICISM, FROM BOTH OUTSIDE  
AND INSIDE (PHINQ).

KOREA

18. SEOUL POLICE SAY KIM HAK DO, WHO BURNED HIMSELF  
TO DEATH TUESDAY INSIDE CHURCH, DID SO OUT OF DISAPPOINTMENT  
IN LOVE (NYT).

PHILIPPINES

19. MARCOS ORDERS ALL FOREIGNERS RESIDING IN PHILS,  
AND THOSE WHO HAVE ACQUIRED FILIPINO CITIZENSHIP,  
TO REGISTER AT VARIOUS CENTERS BETWEEN APRIL 25-MAY  
10. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SAYS ALL CITIZENS AND  
RESIDENT ALIENS TO BE ISSUED IDENTIFICATION CARDS  
(AFP, WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

CHINA

20. S-N'S BRADSHER (APRIL 10) IN HK, PERCEIVING INCREAS-  
ING POSSIBILITY OF END TO CHOU'S LEADERSHIP BECAUSE  
OF MAOIST RADICAL ATTACK ON RECENT GOVT. POLICIES,

SPECULATES ON CHOU SUCCESSOR. TAKES VIEW THAT OBVIOUS SUCCESSORS ARE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH CHOU AND THE POLICIES UNDER ATTACK, INDICATING TENG HSIAO-P'ING A LIKELY CANDIDATE. NOTES THAT TENG WAS ACTING PREMIER DECADE AGO WHEN CHOU WAS ABROAD. TENG'S IMPORTANCE ALSO EMPHASIZED BY HIS LEADING PRC DELEGATION TO UNGA SPECIAL SESSION; HE IS EXPERIENCED DEBATER WHO TANGLED WITH RUSSIANS REPEATEDLY IN LATE 50S AND 60S, AND IS LIKELY TO MAKE STRONG BID FOR CHINESE LEADERSHIP OF "THIRD WORLD" AGAINST USSR, US AND OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS. BRADSHAW RECALLS TENG BEING SECOND-HIGHEST PURGE VICTIM DURING GPCR, RESUMING DEPUTY PREMIERSHIP

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ONLY LAST SPRING AND POLITBURO MEMBERSHIP IN JAN. IMPOSSIBLE TO BE SURE WHETHER TENG'S REHABILITATION WAS AT INSTIGATION OF CHOU OR MAO, BUT THINKS IT MATTER OF ONE ACQUIESCING IN INTIATIVE OF THE OTHER. IMPLIES TENG ACCEPTABLE TO RADICALS, OBSERVING THAT OTHER PURGED VETERAN ADMINISTRATORS NEEDED BY CHOU TO CARRY ADMIN BURDENS HAVE BEEN ONLY PARTLY REHABILITATED AND THEN LEFT IN LIMBO, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF RADICAL OPPOSITION. CONCLUDES THAT TENG WAS MAO'S MAN.

21. TENG HSIAO-P'ING'S PARTICIPATION IN UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ALSO PROMPTS FEATURE STORIES BY NYT'S LELYVELD IN HK AND CSM'S DAVID WINDER AT UN. LELYVELD DETAILS TENG'S CAREER. OBSERVES THAT YEAR AGO THIS WEEK, TENG SCRAMBLED OFF THE "DUST BIN OF HISTORY," HAVING BEEN DISCARDED WHEN MAO COMPLAINED TENG IGNORED HIM, AND RED GUARD PAMPHLETS PORTRAYED TENG AS PLEASURE-LOVING POTENTATE WHO "OVERFLOWS WITH EVIL." RED GUARDS WERE ESPECIALLY CAUSTIC ABOUT TENG'S DEVOTION TO BRIDGE, CHARGING THAT HE ARRANGED FOR PRIVATE RAILWAY CARS SO HE AND HIS CRONIES COULD PLAY WHEN ON TOUR, ETC. LELYVELD CITES SOME ANALYSTS, HOWEVER, AS HAVING LINGERING IMPRESSION THAT TENG ACTUALLY WAS BEING CONDEMNED FOR TOUGH-MINDED REALISM WITH WHICH HE APPROACHED IDEOLOGICAL ISSUE, RECALLING THAT AT TIME OF TENG'S REHABILITATION, PEKING SPOKESMEN SAID TENG REPENTED HOLDING COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY VIEWS. HOWEVER, OTHERS ATTRIBUTED COMEBACK TO ALLIANCES HE HAD FORMED IN HIS YEARS IN PLA AND THE PARTY AND ALSO TO HIS ABILITIES WHICH REPRESENTED AN UNTAPPED RESOURCE SO LONG AS

HE WAS ON SIDELINES. LELYVELD NOTES THAT TENG'S NY VISIT COINCIDES WITH REVIVALIST MOVEMENT IN CHINA AIMED AT REDEEMING GPCR VALUES. ALSO NOTES SIGNS THAT PEKING IS TAKING MORE MILITANT STANCE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHICH COULD LEAD TO WANING OF INTEREST IT

SHOWED UNTIL RECENTLY IN CONTACTS WITH US - FOR EXAMPLE,  
CHOU'S SPEECH LAST WEEK RIDICULING NIXON PROMISES  
OF "GENERATION OF PEACE." LELYVELD SAYS DIPLOMATS  
WILL LISTEN CLOSELY TO TENG'S SPEECH IN UNGA, IN  
EXPECTATION OF CLUES TO SHIFT OF EMPHASIS IN PRC  
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POLICY. WINDER REPORTS CHINA-WATCHERS VIEWING TENG'S  
PRESENCE AT UNGA AS LAUNCHING PAD FOR BIGGER THINGS  
TO COME; CITES "SOME WELL-PLACED CHINA SOURCES" AS  
BELIEVING THAT TENG WAS SENT TO UNGA BY CHOU AS POWER  
PLOY AGAINST CHIANG CHING.

CAMBODIA

22. S-N'S ARBUCKLE (APRIL 1) IN KOMPONG BEUNG (N  
CAMBODIA) REPORTS TERRORISM BY KHMER COMMUNISTS,  
INCLUDING MURDER BY HAMMER AND AX, AS KEY REASON  
CITED BY VILLAGERS FOR FLEEING FROM COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED  
AREAS. ARBUCKLE VISITS OTHER PLACES IN NORTHERN  
CAMBODIA WHERE REFUGEES GATHERING AND HEARS SAME  
STORY OF MURDERS, HOUSES BURNT, CONSCRIPTION, FOOD  
ALL TAKEN FOR COMMUNIST MILITARY, PUNISHMENT, AGRICULTURAL  
COLLECTIVIZATION, ETC. SAYS SUCH ACTIVITIES SEEM  
TO BE PROVING COMMUNISTS' UNDOING, NOTING THAT GKR  
IS GIVING OUT EVERY WEAPON IT CAN FIND TO ARM REFUGEES.  
OBSERVES THAT WHOLESAL BURNING OF VILLAGES AND WIDESPREAD  
MURDER IS NOT USUAL WAY COMMUNIST CADRES HAVE GONE  
ABOUT WINNING HEARTS AND MINDS IN OTHER PARTS OF  
INDOCHINA. ATTRIBUTES PROBLEM TO LACK OF LOCAL CADRES.  
CITES ENDERS THAT WIDESPREAD REPORTS OF BURNING AND  
SLAYING AND LACK OF LOCAL CADRES INDICATE COMMUNISTS  
"HAVE NOT ENOUGH LEGITIMACY IN THE VILLAGES. THEY  
COULDN'T PUT A MAN INTO THESE VILLAGES WHO THE VILLAGERS  
WOULD FOLLOW." COMMUNISTS THEREFORE HAVE TO USE  
FORCE.

LAOS

23. S-N (APRIL 10) SAYS SYSTEM OF DIVIDED AUTHORITY  
IN LAOS COULD PROVE UNWORKABLE, SINCE IT SEEMS TO  
REQUIRE LARGE MEASURE OF UNANIMITY AMONG FACTIONS  
THAT HAVE BEEN AT WAR ON AND OFF FOR ALMOST TWO DECADES.  
NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT CONSISTENCY IS NOT MOST HIGHLY  
TREASURED LAOTIAN TRAIT, AND RECENT WEEKS HAVE SEEN  
SOME IMPRESSIVE DEMONSTRATIONS OF GOOD WILL BY THE

PARTIES. US, WHICH BACKED SOUVANNA'S FORCES, PROMOTED  
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NEGOTIATIONS, HAS OFFERED AID TO NEW GOVT. IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE INVESTMENT IN PEACE, ESPECIALLY WITH REALIZATION OF AGREEMENTS ON WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES OVER NEXT TWO MONTHS. US MIL "ATTACHES" TO BE REDUCED FROM 200 TO 30; BIGGER EXODUS SHOULD INVOLVE 50,000 TO 60,000 N VIETS ASTRIDE HO TRAIL NETWORK, AND LAOTIANS SHOULD BE GIVEN CHANCE RUN OWN COUNTRY.

VIETNAM

24. IN TWO DIFFERENT EDITIONS, O'LEARY (S-N, 4/10) SAID DOS "DISCLOSED" THAT AMB. MARTIN WILL RETURN FOR CONSULTATIONS WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS, AND "DECISION IMMEDIATELY AROUSED SPECULATION THAT THE CONTROVERSIAL MARTIN WOULD BE CALLED TO CAPITOL HILL TO ACCOUNT FOR HIS RECENT CONFIDENTIAL TELEGRAM...". ADDED, "SOME SOURCES" THOUGHT THE SFRC MIGHT SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION HIM, BUT "COMMITTEE SOURCES SAID IT HAD NO PLANS IN THAT DIRECTION NOW". EARLY EDITIONS CARRIED PARA (DELETED FROM FINAL) WHICH QUOTED "US SPOKESMAN" SAYING THAT DOS "HAS BEEN DISCUSSING WITH MARTIN WHAT MIGHT BE A GOOD TIME FOR HIM TO COME BACK." DEPT. THOUGHT BEST TIME MIGHT BE DURING HEARINGS ON NEXT FY APPROPRIATIONS, BUT MARTIN FELT HE SHOULD STAY IN SAIGON THROUGH EASTER RECESS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE VISITING CONGRESSMEN.

5. LAT'S GEORGE ALEXANDER (APRIL 10) WRITES OF US VISIT BY MATHEMATICIAN LE DUNG TRANG -- FIRST N. VIET TO BE GRANTED US VISA -- WHO COMES AT HARVARD U INVITATION TO WORK THREE MONTHS AS RESEARCH FELLOW. LE SAYS NVN'S SCIENTIFIC-ENGINEERING COMMUNITY IS CONCENTRATING ITS ENERGIES PRINCIPALLY ON FOOD -- SEEKING WAYS TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY OF RICE PADDIES, OPTIMIZE SIZE OF CULTIVATED PLOTS, MECHANIZE PRODUCTION, DEVELOP COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS AND EXPAND IRRIGATION NETWORKS. REPORTS PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN FOOD PRODUCTION: RICE YIELD INCREASED FROM AVERAGE OF 15 TONS PER HECTARE TO ANYWHERE FROM 55 TO 60 TONS, LARGELY BECAUSE OF USE OF COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS. SAYS AGRIC TOPS LIST OF NVN'S PRIORITIES, BUT MEDICINE, ENGINEERING AND

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EDUCATION ALSO EMPHASIZED. LE REPORTS GREAT MANY CHILDREN HAVE HEARING PROBLEMS -- DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF US BOMBING; CHILDREN WHO WERE DEAFENED WHILE STILL



INFANTS BY CONCUSSIVE EFFECTS OF BOMBING HAVE NOT  
LEARNED TO TALK. LE IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT IMPROVING  
RELATIONS BETWEEN NVN AND US, AND IS STRUCK BY FACT

THAT IN EUROPE MANY STILL HATE GERMANS; "BUT I KNOW  
THAT THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE DO NOT HARBOR SUCH HATRED  
FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES."

THAILAND

26. FROM BANGKOK, WILLIAM WARREN (LAT APRIL 10),  
ENGLISH LIT TEACHER AT CHULA U, NOTES CHANGE IN ATTITUDES  
TOWARD THAI STUDENTS. RECALLS HIGH REGARD ONCE HELD  
FOR STUDENTS INVOLVED IN TOPPLING MILITARY RULE; OBSERVES  
THAT CURRENT MOOD IS ONE OF RESENTMENT OVER STUDENTS  
NOT HAVING SLIPPED BACK INTO TRADITIONAL ROLE OF DEFERRING  
TO ELDERS IN ALL MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE. SAYS STUDENT  
PERSISTENCE IN IDENTIFYING VARIOUS ILLS IN THAI SOCIETY,  
DEMANDING ACTION AND TAKING ACTION ON SOME, HAS MADE  
STUDENTS UNPOPULAR WITH SOME OFFICIALS; TO SOME, THIS  
SMACKS OF MEDDLING, PERHAPS WITH SINISTER MOTIVES.  
WARREN TAKES VIEW THAT STUDENTS ARE FULFILLING NEED  
THAT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AT THIS STAGE OF THAI  
POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT: THEY SUPPLY SORT OF DISSENT  
THAT HAS BEEN LONG MISSING IN THAI LIFE.

27. CSM'S SOUTHERLAND, IN BANGKOK, WRITES LENGTHY  
PIECE ON MANIFESTATIONS OF INCREASING POLITICAL AWARENESS  
AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION ON PART OF THAIS. OBSERVES  
THAIS TRYING TO IMPLEMENT DEMOCRATIC REFORMS AT TIME  
WHEN AUTHORITARIAN RULERS ELSEWHERE IN REGION ARE  
TIGHTENING CONTROLS. CITES FEAR OF MANY STUDENTS  
THAT MILITARY WILL STAGE COUP, TAKE OVER AGAIN. SOUTHERLAND  
SAYS IT WOULD BE FOOLISH TO RULE OUT THIS POSSIBILITY,  
BUT BELIEVES MILITARY INTERVENTION AT THIS TIME WOULD  
TRIGGER CONSIDERABLE POPULAR RESENTMENT. THINKS  
IT LIKELY THAT THAIS WILL GET CHANCE TO HOLD ELECTIONS  
AND TO EXPERIMENT WITH DEMOCRACY FOR QUITE SOME TIME  
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BEFORE GENERALS DARE EVEN CONTEMPLATE STEPPING IN  
AGAIN.

BURMA

28. FROM RANGOON, CSM'S SOUTHERLAND REPORTS GUB  
CRACKING DOWN ON HEROIN TRAFFIC AFTER YEARS OF IGNORING  
PROBLEM AS SOMETHING WHICH DID NOT CONCERN IT. ATTRIBUTES  
CURRENT CONCERN TO CHILDREN OF RANGOON'S ELITE TAKING  
HEROIN. REFLECTING BURMESE CONCERN, GOVT. STARTED

COOPERATING WITH THAI POLICE, WHO ALSO CRACKING DOWN  
ON DRUG TRAFFIC ACROSS BORDER; PUT LO HSING-HAN,  
WHOSE PRIVATE ARMY REPUTEDLY SPENT MOST OF ITS TIME  
BUYING AND SELLING OPIUM, ON TRIAL FOR HIGH TREASON;  
CAME OUT WITH NARC LAW INTRODUCING HARSH PENALTIES

FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING; RAIDED HEROIN REFINERIES IN  
TACHILEK AREA OF NE BURMA. GUB ALSO AGREED IN PRINCIPLE  
TO ACCEPT UN HELP, AND FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH UN  
EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED SOMETIME THIS YEAR. AGREEMENT  
WOULD CALL FOR 5 MIL DOLS IN ASSISTANCE OVER 4 OR  
5-YEAR PERIOD, MOSTLY TO BE USED TO FIND NEW FORMS  
OF INCOME FOR HILL TRIBESMEN WHOSE TRADITIONAL CROP  
IS OPIUM POPPY. UN EXPERTS TO ADVISE BURMESE ON  
LAW ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES AND REHABILITATION OF  
ADDICTS. PROGRAM TO EXPERIMENT WITH METHADONE AS  
HEROIN SUBSTITUTE AMONG HEROIN ADDICTS TO BE INTRODUCED  
UNDER WHO AUSPICES. SOUTHERLAND SAYS THERE ARE  
LIMITS ON WHAT GUB CAN DO TO CONTROL OPIUM PRODUCTION,  
SINCE OPIUM-GROWING AREAS ARE DOMAIN OF REBEL BANDS  
AND TRIBAL MINORITIES WITH NO SENSE OF LOYALTY TO  
RANGOON. KISSINGER

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